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SUBJECT: OPERATION TRIZO, PHASE II, 1976

WEEKLY ERADICATION REPORT NO. 1 (9-1 TO 9-8-76)

1. SUMMARY: OPERATION TRIZO, PHASE II, 1976, OFFICIALLY COMMENCED
ON SEPT. 1, 1976. THIS SEGMENT OF INTENSIFIED OPIUM DESTRUCTION
CAMPAIGN IS SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE ON NOV. 22, 1976,
THE CONCLUSION OPERATION TRIZO FOR 1976.

CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EMBASSY NARCOTICS ASSIST-
ANCE UNIT, DEA, AND OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO
HAS RESULTED IN IMPROVED PLANNING AND FOR FIRST TIME,
GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO HAS ENTERED AN ERADICATION CAMPAIGN WITH
ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT IN PLACE: AIRCRAFT, HELICOPTERS, ROAD-
BLOCKS, ETC. ERADICATION FORCES WILL CARRY MAPS OF RECORDED
CONCENTRATED FIELD LOCATIONS, OBTAINED FROM PHASE I OPERATIONS.
RECONNAISSANCE BY SMALL FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT IN GUERRERO HAS
ALREADY IDENTIFIED HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF POPPY FIELDS, WITH
SOME FIELDS REPORTEDLY OVER 8 ACRES IN SIZE. (WE SEEKING
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CONFIRMATION OF THIS REPORT.) MEXICAN COMANDANTE AND MFJP

AGENTS ARE IN PLACE AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THEIR US COUNTERPARTS.

2. ERADICATION: MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE STRUCTURED CAMPAIGN INTO TWELVE ZONES OF OPERATION. ELEMENTS OF MEXICAN ARMY WILL BE ASSISTING IN ERADICATION EFFORTS. AT THIS TIME TOTAL NUMBER OF TROOP COMMITMENT IS UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, ARMY PERSONNEL ARE ALREADY CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN GUERRERO. LISTED BELOW ARE ZONE OF OPERATION AND RESPECTIVE COMANDANTES:

ZONE 1 - OAXACA, OAXACA - RAFAEL DIAZ-ALBORES
ZONE 2 - ACAPULCO, GUERRO - RODOLFO MUNOZ-LEYVA
ZONE 3 - URUAPAN, MICHOACAN - AMERICO ESPINOSA DEL ANGEL
ZONE 4 - GUADLAJARA, JALISCO - ESTEBAN FERNANDEZ- MANTECON
ZONE 5 - DURANGO, DURANGO - ARTURO PRETELIN-NOVA
ZONE 6 - CULIACAN, SINALOA - DANIEL ACUNA-FIGUEROA
ZONE 7 - CHIHUAHUA, CHIH. - MARGARITO MENDEZ-RICO
ZONE 8 - TIJUANA, B.C. - MANUEL LOPEZ-ARRIAGA
ZONE 9 - HERMOSILLO, SON. - JUAN JOSE HERNANDEZ DEL CASTILLO
ZONE 10 - MEXICO, DF - JOSE ABISAID-GRACIAN
ZONE 11 - MONTERREY, NL - HUMBERTO GARCIA-ARIZPE
ZONE 12 - MERIDA, YUC. - CARLOS MONDRAGON-OLGUIN

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY:

THE FOLLOWING ERADICATION FIGURES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FROM 9-1 THRU 9-8-76:

ZONE I (NORTHERN) STATES OF SINALOA, DURANGO, CHIHUAHUA AND SONORA:

OPIUM POPPY CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

CROPS DESTROYED - 0

HECTARES DESTROYED - 0

OPIUM POPPY CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY

CROPS DESTROYED - 0

HECTARES DESTROYED - 0

MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

MARIHUAN CR

PS DESTROYED - 450

HECTARES DESTROYED - 54.15

MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY

CROPS DESTROYED - 76

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HECTARES DESTROYED - 21.03

ZONE II (CENTRAL STATES OF JALISCO, MICHOACAN, NAYARIT, ZACATECAS AND COLIMA:

OPIUM POPPY CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

CROPS DESTROYED - 0

HECTARES DESTROYED - 0

OPIUM POPPY CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY

CROPS DESTROYED - 0
HECTARES DESTROYED - 0
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
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PS DESTROYED - 29
HECTARES - 5.0
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
CROPS DESTROYED - 6
HECTARES - 5.01

ZONE III - (SOUTHERN) STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS AND OAXACA
POPPY CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
CROPS DESTROYED - 297
HECTARES - 59.6
POPPY CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
CROPS DESTROYED - 0
HECTARES - 0
MARIHUANA CROPS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES
CROPS DESTROYED - 27
HECTARES - 11.28
MARIHUNA CROPS DESTROYED MANUALLY
CROPS DESTROYED - 0
HECTARES - 0

3. COMMENTS: AS OPPOSED TO TRIZO, PHASE I, MEXICAN ARMY
PERSONNEL ARE ALREADY CONDUCTING OPERATIONS. DEA SOUTHERN ZONE
LIAISON OFFICER REPORTS THAT TROOPS ARE IN GUERRERO HILLS SLASHING
AND BURNING POPPY FIELDS AND MARIHUANA FIELDS.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF 40TH BRIGADE, OPERATING IN
GUERRERO, HAS REPORTED THAT PEOPLE IN HILLS GROWING POPPIES
ARE FROM SINALOA AREA. DEA AGENTS AND MEXICAN OFFICIALS
SEARCHED SMALL HOUSE LOCATED IN LARGE POPPY FIELD. EVIDENCE
WAS SEIZED CONFIRMING THAT OCCUPANTS WERE SINALOANS.
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INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT EVERY FIELD IN SIGHT IS BEING
SPRAYED BY MEXICAN HELICOPTERS AND THAT MEXICAN ERADICATION
TEAMS ARE WORKING WITH INITIATIVE AND DEDICATION.

INITIAL REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT MANY POPPY FIELDS WERE
HARD TO SPOT AS THEY WERE EITHER COMOUFLAGED BY SURROUNDING
TREES OR MIXED WITH CORN. MARIHUANA WAS ALSO MIXED WITH POPPIES
IN SOME PLACES.
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